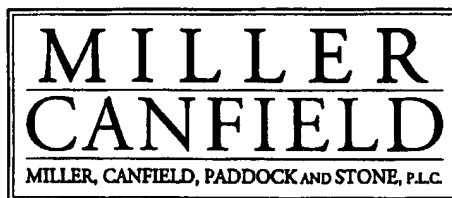


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**Re: Serial No.: 10/730,798**  
**Inventors: Cory A. Weiss**  
**Our Reference No.: 109044-00006 (Effikal)**  
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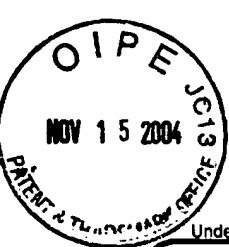
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<b>Title:</b>	<b>DAMPER CONTROL DEVICE FOR OUTSIDE APPLICATIONS</b>		

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Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 12, 2004 in the above captioned patent application. The appropriate fee under 37 CFR 1.16(b) is included with this Response.

In the Claims

Please Amend the Claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A damper control device comprising, in combination:  
a fireplace and a flue, wherein products of combustion from the fireplace enter the flue;  
a damper positioned in a damper pipe operatively connected to the flue, wherein the damper is movable between a closed position where the damper pipe is blocked and an open position;